

## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 8, 1985.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 495) of Charles W. Mann relative to the recording of certain legislative proceedings and the retention of legislative documents, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 690) of John A. Businger relative to amending the Joint Rules of the General Court relative to the reporting dates for joint committees, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 691) of John A. Businger for an amendment to the Joint Rules of the General Court relative to referring matters on residential rents and condominiums to the committee on Housing and Urban Development, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 880) of Mary Jeanette Murray and Thomas F. Brownell that the Joint Rules of the General Court be amended to provide for carrying over certain unfinished matters to the second annual session of the same General Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1258) of Mary Jeanette Murray relative to making certain changes in the rules and procedures of the General Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2269) of Bruce N. Freeman relative to making certain changes in the rules and procedures of the General Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3021) of Barbara E. Gray and Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to eliminate the filing date for bills to be submitted to the General Court and requiring seven days notice of public hearings of bills, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3022) of Barbara E. Gray relative to establishing rules for the filing and printing of legislative bills, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 3387) of Royall H. Switzler and another relative to amending Joint Rule 11 to require all conference committees of the General Court to report within five days of appointment, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 3388) of Royall H. Switzler and another relative to a change in Joint Rule 11A regulating reports of committees of conference on appropriation and capital outlay bills, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 3389) of Royall H. Switzler and

another relative to amending Joint Rule 11 to provide that reports of conference committees of the General Court be in print at least two days before floor action, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3391) of Royall H. Switzler relative to establishing and regulating legislative party caucuses and providing for other legislative reforms, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3937) of Iris K. Holland relative to requiring that legislation filed with the General Court contain a statement of purpose, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 4327) of William G. Robinson and other members of the House relative to amending Joint Rule 10 to provide for reporting by joint committees in the second year of the General Court and the filing of petitions at any time, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4954) of Andrew S. Natsios and Royall H. Switzler for legislation to make certain changes in the rules and procedures of the General Court, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 4955) of Andrew S. Natsios that the Joint Rules of the General Court be amended to provide for carrying over certain unfinished matters to the second annual session of the same General Court, the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 5372) of Royall H. Switzler relative to amending the rules of the General Court to establish July first of each year as the start of the last week of the session, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5609) of Charles W. Mann and other members of the House relative to a record keeping system for the General Court, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5774) of William Constantino, Jr., for legislation to limit the terms of the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 6747) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

ROBERT CORREIA.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

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*Ordered*, That the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, be authorized to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to changes in the rules and procedures of the General Court.

Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of such legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same with the Clerk of the House on or before the last Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

